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Statement on Kenosha Police Department Shooting of Jacob Blake

MADISON, WI- "Yesterday evening, Jacob Blake was shot in the back repeatedly by law enforcement. In yet another event of excessive force, another family has been forever impacted by senseless police violence. Today, my prayers are with Jacob Blake and his loved ones. This tragic event will not be forgotten, and I hope it sheds a light on the systemic issues within our policing system."

"Our inaction is an injustice. We cannot stand idle as public servants sworn to protect and defend our community continuously violate the rights and safety of our neighbors. How many more lives must it take before our leaders commit to action? How many more videos of police brutality do we need before we admit that our policing system has a problem? Enough is enough."

"If we truly believe that Black Lives Matter, we must act like it. We must hold the systems complicit in this violence accountable. This shooting was not an isolated incident, but a symptom of a much larger problem. I stand with those dedicated to addressing these issues, and hope they join me in passing legislation solve them. It is our responsibility to make sure this never happens again"

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